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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR PRESIDENT FORD FROM PRESIDENT ASAD

REF: STATE 174031

1. ON NIGHT AUGUST 12 PRESIDENTIAL SECRETARY DABOUL
CONVEYED THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT ASAD TO
PRESIDENT FORD.

2. QTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I HAVE GREAT PLEASURE IN
EXTENDING SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ON THE OCCASION
OF TAKING UP THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA, AS WELL AS BEST WISHES FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH,
HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS IN YOUR LOFTY RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. QTE: I WISH TO THANK YOU, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR YOUR
MESSAGE, AND TO WELCOME YOUR AFFIRMATION OF EVERYTHING
TOLD US BY YOUR PREDECESSOR PRESIDENT NIXON, AND YOUR
SECRETARY OF STATE DR. HENRY KISSINGER, PARTICULARLY THE
STRONG COMMITMENT TO PURSUE EFFORTS TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT
OF JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

4. QTE: AS WE WELCOME THIS INITIAL STAND, I WISH TO
REAFFIRM THAT, ON OUR PART, WE HAVE DONE AND ARE STILL WILLING
TO DO WHAT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE GOAL OF JUST
AND DURABLE PEACE IN OUR AREA, ON THE BASIS OF UNITED NATIONS
RESOLUTIONS, IN PARTICULAR SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 338
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OF 1973.

5. QTE: AT THE SAME TIME, I WELCOME YOUR ASSURANCE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL DO ITS SHARE IN BUILDING ON THE FOUNDATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC WHICH HAS BEEN LAID. YOU CAN REST ASSURED THAT WE SHARE YOUR DESIRE TO DEVELOP THESE RELATIONS TO THE INTERESTS OF OUR TWO PEOPLES, TO SERVE THE STRENGTHENING OF COOPERATION BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND THE GOAL OF JUST AND DURABLE PEACE IN OUR AREA.

6. QTE: THANKING YOU AGAIN, MR. PRESIDENT, FOR YOUR INITIATIVE, I LOOK FORWARD TO MEETING YOU. SINCERELY,
HAFEZ AL-ASSAD. UNQTE.
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